(b) Lists of refusals available are appended. (*Vide Appendix III B.*) Refusals were generally due to non-compliance with the rules.

Construction of a bridge at Kumbuzha.

418. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were recommendations by the Vellattanjur Panchayat for the construction of a concrete bridge at Kumbuzha in the Chiranellore village of the Talappalli Taluk; if so, on how many occasions and what were the remarks of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats on these recommendations?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes; in 1101. The Panchayat does not appear to have renewed the proposal on any other occasions. The matter is being enquired into by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

Sirkar elephants.

419. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of all the Sirkar elephants;

(b) the expenditure on account of each of the elephants per annum and the income of each every year during the last 3 years?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) and (b). A list giving the names of all the Sirkar elephants and three statements giving the other particulars are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the list placed on the Table why is it that no income is shown for the two elephants No. 4 and 5 for the year 1103, while it is found they were earning something in the two previous years?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They are not earning because they are new captures.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What is their age?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The elephants referred to here are Krishnan and Lakshmanan respectively. They are nearly 8 years of age. They are recent captures.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question is why nothing is put here as their earnings in the year 1103, whereas it is found they were earning in the previous years, 1101 and 1102?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In the year 1100 they did not earn anything. In the year 1101 they earned something. In the succeeding year they earned more. As they increase in age, they earn more.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjnnni Raja.—My question is not that. My question is why nothing is shown against their names in the year 1103.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—They did not earn anything in 1100; but they were earning in 1101 and 1102. The earnings here shown is not the balance after the reduction of *Valiccilavu*.

Local Option Bill.

420. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1). whether the Government had received in the time of the last Council a Local Option Bill for sanction to be introduced in the Legislative Council;

(2) when was it first received;

(3) whether the sanction required has been given or not;

(4) whether the Government in their letter dated 6th July 1926 stated that the question would be decided on the receipt of the report of the Excise Committee; and if not, what is the reply given;

(5) whether the Government have not yet received the report of the Excise Committee and if it has been received, when was it received;

(6) whether the Government, subsequent to the receipt of the Excise Committee's Report, have been requested to give the sanction for introducing the Bill; and if so, whether the request has been sanctioned or finally disposed of; and if not, why not;

(7) whether the Government are aware that the Travancore Government have accepted in any sense the policy of local option; and if so,

(8) whether the Government of Cochin have accepted the same polcy; and if not, why not?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(1) Yes.

(2) 28—4—1926.

(3) Sanction has not been given.

(4) Not exactly that the question will be decided, but that it may be raised for consideration after the receipt of the said report.

(5) Yes, on 21—11—1927.

(6) Yes; the Member was informed that the question may be renewed after orders are passed on the Excise Committee's Report.

(7) The Government have no official information.

(8) The question does not arise in view of answer to (7).

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